

To Whom It May Concern:

I am NOT in favor of lifting the cross-ownership ban which will, I think, among other things, lead to the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry. It is no secret that the quality of the TV industry's product is extreamly poor. In any event, I do not want to be entertained by news I want to be informed by it.

Changes such as these will make U.S. media even less diverse, more commercial and less accountable to the public.

If the FCC allows the lifting of the cross-ownership ban and allows further media consolidation it will not serve the public interest but rather, pander (further) to the intrests of big business.

I am served by the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press newspapers and since the joint operating agreement went into effect the quality of those papers has declined to the point that I no longer read either one because the hard news, investigative journalism, and overseas coverage is not as good as that found on the internet.

Thank you, Hal Nixon, Oxford MIchigan.